

Justice Bulletin

Montana Board of Crime Control

A Publication of the Montana Board of Crime Control 3075 North Montana, PO Box 201408 Helena, MT 59620-1408
Phone (406) 444-3604; FAX (406) 444-4722; TTY (406) 444-7099

Request for Proposals (RFP)

#08-02(B) SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

New subgrantees must register online at mbcc.mt.gov
at least five (5) days prior to submitting the online application.

Proposal Deadline: January 28, 2008

Project Dates: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

I. Introduction

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) is soliciting proposals for youth-oriented substance abuse and violence prevention to be funded by the Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA). Approximately \$336,307 will be available during fiscal year 2007-2008.

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grants require an incremental cash or in-kind match. The requirements are addressed in the Match Section of this RFP. Tribal governments are not exempt from the match requirement.

The total eligibility period is 12 months, depending on availability of federal funds (possible continuation for an additional 36 months, depending on availability of federal funds). Applications for continuation funding must be submitted annually. SDFSCA subgrantee continuation programs in good standing will be given first priority for funding; however, funding is considered on a year-to-year basis and **is not guaranteed**.

Note: Because federal funds are not always available immediately following the award date, programs should prepare for this contingency.

II. Purpose of Grant

The purpose of the grant is to provide communities with funding to implement scientifically based, youth-oriented drug and violence prevention programs (Promising, Best, or Exemplary Programs) that are guided by the principles generally described as the Risk and Protective Factors Approach (see application package) in the field of prevention. Projects should demonstrate a link to their local education agencies.

Additionally, in keeping with the guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education and the Montana Office of Public Instruction, programs must follow the **Principles of Effectiveness** in their planning and implementation of project.

Principles of Effectiveness

1. Program is based on a thorough assessment of objective data about drug and violence problems in the schools and communities to be served. Data may be obtained through the current Prevention Needs Assessment Survey 2006 and/or Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2007, and/or additional data collected through school database;
2. Program is based on an established set of performance measures. Program is designed to meet goal and objectives (one goal and no more than three objectives). Ensure that the communities to be served by the program have a safe, orderly, and drug-free learning environment.
3. Program is based on scientifically-based research that provides objective evidence that the program will reduce violence and illegal drug use. **Must indicate in the application Executive Summary section whether the program is a Promising, Best, or Exemplary Program.**
4. Program is based on an analysis of data reasonably available at the time, of the prevalence of risk factors, including high or increasing rates of reported cases of child abuse and domestic violence; protective factors, buffers, assets; or other variables in school and communities in the local area identified through scientifically based research. See application package. The most current Montana Prevention Needs Assessment (2006) or Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2007 can be used for your area.
5. Program includes meaningful and ongoing consultation with, and input from, parents in the development of the application and administration of the program or activity.
6. Program undergoes periodic evaluation to assess its progress towards the performance measures indicated in the application related to identified risk factors and protective factors.
7. Program evaluation results are used to refine, improve, and strengthen both the program and its evaluation design, and to inform the public.

Priority Projects

Priority to programs and activities that prevent illegal drug use and violence for students in the kindergarten through twelfth grades:

1. Children and youth who are not normally served by state educational agencies or local educational agencies; or
2. Populations that need special services or additional resources (such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless children and youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school drop-out(s)).

Special Consideration:

Special consideration will be given to subgrantees that pursue a comprehensive approach to drug and violence prevention that includes providing and incorporating mental health services related to drug and violence prevention in their program.

Authorized Activities in Addition to the Above:

- Age-appropriate and developmentally-based activities;
- Activities that involve families, community sectors (which may include appropriately-trained seniors), and a variety of drug and violence prevention providers in setting clear expectations against violence and illegal use of drugs;
- Disseminating information about drug and violence prevention to schools and communities (information dissemination must be part of a larger comprehensive program);
- Professional development of, training for, and involvement of, school personnel, pupil services personnel, parents, and interested community members in prevention, education, early identification and intervention, mentoring, or rehabilitation referral, as related to drug and violence prevention;
- Alternative education programs or services for violent or drug-abusing students that reduce the need for suspension or expulsion or that serve students who have been suspended or expelled from the regular educational settings, including programs or services to assist students to make continued progress toward meeting the state academic achievement standards and to reenter the regular education setting;
- Developing and implementing comprehensive, community-based drug and violence prevention programs that link community resources with schools and integrate services involving education, vocational and job skills training and placement, law enforcement, health, mental health, community service mentoring, and other appropriate services;
- Drug and violence prevention activities;
- Community service, including community service performed by expelled students, and service-learning projects that encourage drug-free and violence-free lifestyles; and
- Evaluation programs and activities assisted under this Act.

III. Eligibility

Eligible applicants include units of local governments, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, and local educational agencies.

Private nonprofit agencies must document their nonprofit status.

IV. Late Applications

1. New project applications that are received past the due date will not be considered during the current cycle.

2. The first late submittal for continuation project applications will require appearance before the Application Review Committee of the Board of Crime Control to request consideration. According to MBCC policy, the second late submittal requires the application be returned and not considered during the current cycle.

V. Match

Cash or In-kind Match

The MBCC adopted a policy that requires that all SDFSCA applicants provide an incremental cash or in-kind match. The table below shows the cash or in-kind matching requirements:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>MBCC Funds</u>
First	10%	90%
Second	10%	90%
Third	20%	80%
Fourth	20%	80%

Contact Glenda Grover (444-2085) or Don Merritt (444-2076) if you need assistance in determining your match requirement. Additional assistance may be found online under MBCC Subgrant Application Guidelines – Local Match.

VI. Funding Period

Project period begin July 1, 2008, and conclude on June 30, 2009.

According to MBCC policy, recipients of funds may request continuation funding. The maximum funding of projects is 48 months depending on federal funds available. Projects going into their second, third, or fourth year of operation **must** apply for continuation funding through the normal application process. Applications must be submitted each year as directed by the RFP. Funding in one year **does not guarantee** funding in a subsequent year.

VII. Limitations and Fund Use

Review this list carefully. If you have any questions, call MBCC prior to submitting your proposal.

1. Purchase of equipment must be integral and necessary for the project.
2. Construction, in general, is prohibited.
3. Land acquisition is prohibited.
4. Supplanting is prohibited.
5. Consultant costs must follow the applicable federal grant guidelines, Office of Management and Budget Cost Principles A-122, A-87, or A-21, and state policy.
6. Calculating and reimbursing cost for mileage, per diem and lodging cannot exceed state rates. For more information go to mt.gov/doa, click on resources, click on State Travel Information for travel policy/hotel listings. Call for instructions regarding out-of-state travel.

7. Indirect costs are **not** allowed.
8. Pre-agreement costs are not allowable.
9. Rental costs are limited to fair market value for similar facilities in your locality. Rental rates in excess of this amount will need special approval.
10. General salaries and personnel costs are allowable.
11. Funds may not be expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2008.
12. Purchase or lease of vehicles is **not** permitted. Mileage will be allowed at the current approved state rate.
13. Uniform allowances will not be permitted.
14. If your agency receives less than \$500,000 per year in total federal assistance, you will not be required to arrange for an audit and may not charge audit costs to your grant.

Note: Agencies receiving \$500,000/year or more in total federal assistance will be required to have an audit performed in accordance with Federal Circular A-133. Costs for such an audit should be charged proportionately to all programs being audited.

Note: Food and beverage items may be allowable if costs meet the following guidelines: 1) the food and beverage are incidental to a work-related event; 2) the costs are documented and reasonable; and 3) food and beverages are not directly related to amusement and/or social events. MBCC will approve such items only if the applicant justifies the expense as a clear benefit to the grant project. All food and beverage items must receive prior approval from MBCC.

VIII. Application Requirements

All successful applicants for grant award funds from MBCC must agree to the following:

1. Submit quarterly narrative, data, and financial reports **in the prescribed format according to MBCC time frames.**
2. Report on individual participants served according to prescribed criteria. All projects accepting funds from this source must agree to provide this information. This requirement comes from the **U.S. Department of Education.**

IX. Special Requirements

See Sections I through VIII.

X. Uniform Crime Reporting

If the grant is for a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency must report Uniform Crime Data to the Board of Crime Control. The crime data must be compliant with the Montana Incident Based Reporting (MTIBR) standards and policy. If an agency is not yet compliant and has plans to become compliant, the agency may submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the Board will decide if the MOU justifies a waiver until the agency becomes compliant. Contact MBCC staff if you are unsure of your status. For more information please contact Jimmy Steyee at (406) 444-4298, jsteyee@mt.gov.

Juvenile probation offices must participate in the Juvenile Probation Information System (JPIS) which is Assessment.com Screening and Risk Assessment System.

Agencies needing crime data to complete their applications can request the information at mbcc@mt.gov.

XI. Selection Process

The MBCC staff will conduct an initial screening of the proposal to check for completeness of the application. The fiscal staff and program managers will summarize the grant and technical information.

The Application Review Committee of the Board will review proposals during their February 2008 meeting. Immediately following the review of the applications by the Application Review Committee, a notice will be sent to the applicant agencies with the recommendation that will be presented to the Board.

The MBCC Board will review all of the Prevention Committee's recommendations and make the awards.

XII. Awards & Appeals

If an application is recommended for denial, the applicant may appeal the recommendation to the full Board if there are substantive reasons. Notice of appeal must be made in writing to the Executive Director of the Board of Crime Control at least 10 days prior to the Board meeting.

Board actions are passed on to the successful applicants immediately following the Board meeting.

XIII. Application Procedures

All subgrantees must register online at mbcc.mt.gov at least five (5) days prior to the January 28, 2008, application deadline. To register, select Grants, then Online Application. Registration instructions are available at the same site under Online Application Instructions. The MBCC email address is mbcc@mt.gov.

Assistance: If you need assistance in the preparation of the application, or if you have financial questions, please contact the following staff:

<u>Fiscal Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Program Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Glenda Grover	444-2085	Julie Fischer	444-2056
Don Merritt	444-2076		

Application Check List: Please refer to this checklist before submitting your application.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face Sheet | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Summary | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Budget | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Narrative | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Narrative | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assurances and Conditions | Online |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Page | Online AND mail original |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Status | Mail original |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support | Mail original |

Mail original copies of the signature page, letters of support, and documentation of nonprofit status to the following address:

Montana Board of Crime Control
3075 North Montana
PO Box 201408
Helena, MT 59620-1408

Deadline(s). Applications for **RFP #08-02(B) Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act** must be submitted online on or before **January 28, 2008, at 5 p.m.** Applicants are strongly advised to adhere closely to all deadlines and requirements. The inability to abide by deadlines is considered to be a significant reason to recommend denial of the application.

Receipt Verification. All applicants will be informed in writing that their application has been received and will be assigned a grant number and an MBCC contact person.

Alternative accessible formats of this document will be provided upon request. Persons with disabilities who require this material in another format in order to participate in the Request for Proposal process should contact MBCC, 3075 N. Montana, PO Box 201408 Helena, MT 59620-1408. Phone (406) 444-3604; FAX (406) 444-4722; TTY (406) 444-7099.

Communities That Care					
Risk Factors	Adolescent Problem Behaviors				
	Substance Abuse	Delinquency	Teen Pregnancy	School Drop-Out	Violence
Community					
Availability of drugs	•				•
Availability of firearms		•			•
Community laws and norms favorable toward drug use, firearms and crime	•	•			•
Media portrayals of violence					•
Transitions and mobility	•	•		•	
Low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization	•	•			•
Extreme economic deprivation	•	•	•	•	•
Family					
Family history of the problem behavior	•	•	•	•	•
Family management problems	•	•	•	•	•
Family conflict	•	•	•	•	•
Favorable parental attitudes and involvement in the problem behavior	•	•			•
School					
Academic failure beginning in late elementary school	•	•	•	•	•
Lack of commitment to school	•	•	•	•	•
Peer and Individual					
Early and persistent antisocial behavior	•	•	•	•	•
Rebelliousness	•	•		•	
Friends who engage in the problem behavior	•	•	•	•	•
Gang involvement	•	•			•
Favorable attitudes toward the problem behavior	•	•	•	•	
Early initiation of the problem behavior	•	•	•	•	•
Constitutional factors	•	•			•
Protective Factors.....					
.....are conditions that buffer young people from exposure to risk, by either reducing the impact of the risk or changing the way the young person responds to risk. Protective factors promote positive youth development.					

Protective Factors

Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards

- Communicating and Modeling of Healthy Behaviors
- High Expectations for Success
- Clear Rules and Boundaries

Bonding

- Attachment and Commitment to:
 - Family
 - School
 - Peers
 - Community

Individual Characteristics

- Resilient Temperament
- Intelligence
- Positive Social Orientation
- Gender

Protective Factors

Protective Factors Are...

- ❖ Research-based
- ❖ In all areas of influence
- ❖ Measurable
- ❖ Predictive of positive youth development
- ❖ Throughout the developmental continuum
- ❖ Influenced in both formal and informal contexts

Protective Factor Measures

- ❖ Community Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement
- ❖ Community Rewards for Prosocial Involvement
- ❖ Family Attachment
- ❖ Family Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement
- ❖ Family Rewards for Prosocial Involvement
- ❖ Religiosity
- ❖ Social Skills
- ❖ Belief in the Moral Order
- ❖ School Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement
- ❖ School Rewards for Prosocial Involvement